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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
Becker, et al. )  
Application No. 10/075,153 ) Art Unit: 2876  
Filed: February 14, 2002 ) Examiner: K. Koyama  
For: Coding Symbology and a Method )  
for Printing Same )

**APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Via Fax to (703) 872-9306

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

On July 6, 2004, the undersigned conducted an in-person interview with Examiner Kumiko Koyama, Primary Examiner Karl D. Frech, and one of the named-inventors, Joseph C. Mase. Applicants and their counsel thank the Examiners for their time. This summary constitutes a recordation contemplated by 37 C.F.R. § 1.133 and MPEP § 713.04.

A. Brief Description of Nature of any Exhibit or Demonstration

The Examiners were shown an embodiment of the claimed invention, as well as one type of a medical container having a two-color, positive image bar code and a similar medical container having a single-color, positive image bar code.

B. Identification of Claim(s) Discussed

The Examiners were presented with a copy of the pending claims, as set forth in Applicants' Reply to the Office Action of December 9, 2003.

C. Identification of Specific Prior Art Discussed

The primary combination of United States Patents Nos. 5,237,164 (Takada) and 6,355,024 (Small).

D. Identification of Principal Proposed Amendments Discussed

None.

E. General Identification of Principal Argument Discussed

Applicants submit that their proposed claims are patentable over the prior art of record because such art fails to disclose, teach or otherwise suggest an article of manufacture having a bar code where the article itself comprises at least part of the bar code, a bar code comprising variable information, or a flexible article having a bar code, as claimed and described in Applicants' specification.

F. Other Pertinent Matters Discussed

None.

G. Results of Interview

Although the Examiners agreed in principle with the above argument, no agreement was reached at the time of interview, as the Examiners requested time to review Applicants' arguments in view of the cited art.

H. Copies of Internet E-mail, if Conducted via Email

None.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants submit that the above constitutes a complete, written statement as contemplated by 37 C.F.R. 1.133 and MPEP § 713.04. Applicants respectfully request this paper to be made of record in the above-identified application. The Examiners are requested to contact the undersigned if they have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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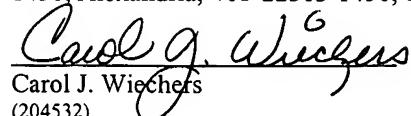
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